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R207

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SHOOTING 5 LONDON (R-206) ADDS ... SHRAPNEL OR GUNFIRE.)

THE ATTACK COMES ONE MONTH AFTER ARAB GUNMEN TRIED TO SHOOT PASSENGERS BOARDING AN EL AL AIRLINER AT ORLY AIRPORT IN PARIS.

FRENCH POLICE AND ISRAELI SECURITY AGENTS SHOT AND KILLED THREE GUNMEN IN A 25-MINUTE GUNBATTLE IN THE DEPARTURE LOUNGE. ONE FRENCH POLICEMAN WAS KILLED AND SIX OTHER PEOPLE WERE HURT IN THE SHOOTING.

POLICE BLAMED PPALESTINIANS FOR THE ATTACK. BUT THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) SAID NONE OF ITS MEN WAS INVOLVED.

REUTER 1254

R208

U I14122BYLCCKYR

URGENT """""" LEAD SHOOTING (R-206)

BY ANN MCKANE

LONDON, AUG 20, REUTER - GUNMEN ATTACKED AN ISRAELI AIRLINE BUS WITH MACHINE GUNS AND HAND GRENADES OUTSIDE A MAJOR HOTEL HERE TODAY, KILLING AT LEAST ONE PERSON AND WOUNDING EIGHT.

POLICE SAID THEY HAD ARRESTED ONE MAN AND LAUNCHED A MASSIVE SEARCH FOR OTHERS. THE MAN IN CUSTODY WAS NOT IDENTIFIED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ISRAELI EMBASSY SAID AN EL AL AIRLINE MINIBUS TAKING AIRLINE CREW TO LONDON"S HEATHROW AIRPORT WAS ATTACKED OUTSIDE A LUXURY HOTEL IN THE BUSY WEST END.

HE SAID HE BELIEVED THREE ISRAELIS ON THE BUS WERE INJURED, AS WELL AS SOME BYSTANDERS.

JULIAN HARRIS, WHO ... 5TH GRAF R-202 (1ST GRAF R-203)

REUTER 1103

R209

R I14300BYLCZCCCIYC

URGENT """""" SECOND LEAD SHOOTING (R-208)

BY MALCOLM WHITTAKER

LONDON, AUG 20, RREUTER - GUNMEN ATTACKED AN ISRAELI AIRLINE BUS WITH MACHINE GUNS AND HAND GRENADES OUTSIDE A FASHIONABLE HOTEL HERE TODAY, KILLING TWO PEOPLE AND WOUNDING EIGHT OTHERS. ONE OF THE DEAD WAS A HOSTESS OF THE IISRAELI AIRLINE EL AL.

POLICE DETAINED ONE MAN AFTER THE ATTACK ON THE RED BUS, WHICH WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR HEATHROW AIRPORT WITH EL AL CREW. NO DETAILS ABOUT THE MAN WERE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY.

A SECURTY CORDON WAS QUICKLY THROWN AROUND THE HOTEL AND POLICE WERE ALERTED TO LOOK FOR A GREY RENAULT CAR CARRYING THREE ARABS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR ... 3RD GRAF R-208

REUTER 1120

R21A

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SECOND LEAD SHOOTING 6 LONDON (R-202, IGNORING FIOFWP ...

CARRYING THREE ARABS.)

THE HOTEL, IN GGROSVENOR SQUARE IN LLONDON"S FASHIONABLE WEST END, IS A REGULAR STOPOVER SPOT FOR EL AL FLIGHT CREWS. AN EL AL SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WERE NO PASSENGERS ABOARD THE BUS.

FIVE OF THE EIGHT INJURED WERE IN A SERIOUS CONDITION WITH GUNSHOT WOUNDS. THREE OTHERS WERE HOSPITALIZED SUFFERING FROM SHOCK AND CUTS FROM FLYING GLASS.

THE OTHER PERSON KILLED WAS A MAN WHO WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFIED.

JULIAN HARRIS, WHO ... 5TH GRAF R-202 (1ST GRAF R-203)

REUTER 1135

R21L

R 1145ZBYLZQTZQT

SHOOTING 6 LONDON (R-202, 207 ... MEN WAS INVOLVED.)

THE RAID WAS THE FOURTH TERROR ATTACK IN LONDON THIS YEAR.

A PLO CHIEF WAS ASSASSINATED IN HIS OFFICE LAST JANUARY.

LAST MONTH, FORMER IRAQI PPRIME MINISTER ABDEL-RAZAK NAIF WAS ASSASSINATED OUTSIDE A HOTEL AND A GRENADE WAS ROLLED UNDER THE IRAQI AMBASSADOR"S CAR.

REUTER 1141

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